

THE GAZETTE.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1859.

GAMBLING SALOONS IN WASHINGTON.

"Occasional" writes to the Philadelphia Press as follows:—

"Nowhere in the United States is gambling carried on so magnificent a scale as in this capital. A good many circumstances conspire to this state of things.

During the fashionable or Congressional season, when the hotels and boarding houses are filled, rich men come from all parts of the country, and having almost nothing to do but to enjoy themselves, there being no extensive places of amusement of a different character, they are readily attracted into the luxurious saloons where cards are cultivated, and where they find assembled, night after night, many agreeable and entertaining persons. There is another class known under the phrase of speculators—operators in contracts in the different departments, keen-scented inquirers after large jobs of every kind, and who, in their anxiety to make "influence," spend their own money freely. In these saloons may be found the most gorgeous entertainments spread for the gratification of the appetite, the most expensive wines, and the most abounding hospitality. It is surprising, in the height of the season, how much money is lost and won in a single night. A gentleman well acquainted with the secrets of these resorts tells me that he has known as much as ten thousand dollars to be risked on a single game, and others have seen two or three thousand dollars hazarded on a single card, and in a single game. The number of the players is startling—they lose or win thousands without a sigh or a smile.

The hold which the passion for gaming at last obtains upon a man can scarcely be described. It has been so in all ages, and is so at the present day. The phrezy takes possession of the savage as well as of the Christian—of the most ignorant as well as of the most intelligent. A young member of Congress—who has lived a blameless life, until his election in the little village where he is universally respected—almost before he knows it, is swept into this whirlpool of gaming. Frequently the close of his first session finds him broken in health and ruined in fortune. I do not believe that stupendous as the vice of New York unquestionably is, there are more facilities offered by the adepts in gambling in that city than there are advertised here. In Mexico, California, France and Germany, we are told it is a common practice for the ladies to frequent the gaming table. Happily, no such accusation can be made against the society of Washington. Even in private life, where whist and other games are tolerated, you never hear of a female risking money.

Faro, in which the better encounters the bank, is the prevailing game in these saloons, and although tables are set out, at which what is called "brag," "poker," and other games are played, the principal fascination is the platform, covered with green leather, behind which sits the imperturbable dealer, with his pale face, black eye, and monotonous "call;" while, on three sides, are gathered, sitting and standing, rank after rank, anxious and excited spectators, who, breathless with anxiety, watch the little cards as they are dealt from the tin box, and pick up their gains, or swallow their losses with a silence only interrupted now and then by an angry exclamation or a quiet chuckle of exultation. Night is turned into morning, and the latter frequently surprises the contestants in the struggle. Occasionally a streak of luck befalls an outsider, which, like a prize in a lottery, is soon buzzed about and becomes a sort of advertisement for the gambler. I do not pretend to say that there is fraud in these games, because it frequently happens that there is as much skill among the volunteers as there is in the principles of the establishments. But the facts do not hesitate to say that, unless on extraordinary occasions, the bank is sure to beat those who attempt to take up arms against it. So cautious are the keepers of these places because they are very careful as to whom they admit into their saloons, and it is to this caution that the public is indebted for the preservation of so many of those secrets which, if disclosed, would undoubtedly result in great excitement.

By the way of New Orleans.—The Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Dispatch gives the following:

"We have a Methodist preacher here who is a jolly wag. A few days since, a young man who had long been attached to his church, and who was about to leave for New Orleans, came to bid his pastor farewell.

"And you are going to that degenerate place, New Orleans, are you?"

"Yes, sir; but I don't expect to be influenced by any extraneous pressure of any kind," responded the young man with considerable earnestness.

"Well, I am glad to see you so confident. I hope you will guide you. But do you know the temptations which exist there?"

"No, not particularly."

"Well, I do; you'll find wanton women in guise of Paris, tempting the very elect; and rare wines and ardent drinks; and you'll find gay company, and night brawling, and gambling, and dissipation, and running after the lusts of the old man Adam."

"Still, sir, I hope to combat them all successfully."

"I hope you will, my dear Christian brother. And let me give you this much for your consolation in case you should fall from grace. The tempter is worse than the sin, and the greater the temptation the more merit there is in resisting it. The man who goes to Heaven by the way of New Orleans, is sure to have twice as high a place in eternal glory as he who reaches Paradise through the quiet portals of Connecticut or Pennsylvania."

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AUCTION SALES.

BY T. M. MCCORMICK, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.—By virtue

of a deed of trust executed by John P. Dyer

and wife, dated the 10th day of October, 1856, and

recorded among the Land Records of Fairfax county,

the undersigned, the Trustee therein named, will

sell at public auction, in front of the Mayor's

office, at 12 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, Sep-

tember 26th, the following property, to wit: A LOT

OF LAND, in Fairfax county, Va., containing

about THIRTY-FIVE ACRES, situated between

the Little River and Leesburg Turnpikes, about

one and a half miles from Alexandria, and a quarter

of a mile from the Theological Seminary. The

lot adjoins the lands of Bishop Johns, Jas. Green,

and C. W. Winter, and is accessible from the

Turnpikes by good roads. The land is divided

into four fields, and the tract is enclosed by a

good fence nearly all new—this binding on the road

being of the best North Carolina plank. About

ten acres are now in grass, and will yield from

6 to 8 tons of hay. The situation is elevated and

healthy, with a fine grove of forest oaks covering

about five acres, and there is a good spring of

water on the land. The improvements consist of a

two-story FRAME DWELLING, containing

about 1200 sq. ft., with a large porch, and a

small out-house for servants. The buildings are nearly

all new, plainly and substantially built. The

dwelling has a portico round it, 10 feet wide by

70 long, a good dry cellar, and a well by the

new fence. The ground about the dwelling are

planted with ornamental and fruit trees, which are

in a thriving condition. Also, a barn, 20 by 32

feet, with floors of tongue and grooved plank, ex-

tending the length of the building.

Terms.—One-third cash, the residue in 12,

24, and 36 months, with interest to the date re-

tained until the deferred payments are made.

D. FÜNSTER, Trustee.

C. W. WATLES, Jr., Trustee.

BY T. M. MCCORMICK, AUCTIONEER.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF FOUR HUN-

DRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN SHARES

OF THE STOCK OF THE WASHINGTON AND

ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE COMPANY.—By

virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alex-

andria county, rendered on the 25th day of May,

1859, in the suit of the "Alexandria and Wash-

ington Railroad Company, complainant, vs. The

Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Com-

pany, defendants, the undersigned, the Commis-

sioner, will sell at public auction, in front of the

Mayor's Office, at 12 o'clock, M., in front of the Mayor's

Office, in the City of Alexandria, said public au-

ction, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN

SHARES OF STOCK OF THE WASHINGTON AND

ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE COMPANY. The whole stock of this

Company is represented by 500 shares, at \$50 each.

TERMS.—A credit of ninety days from day of

sale, the purchasers giving their notes, under

endorsement of the undersigned, to be under-

signed, and payable at one of the Banks in Alex-

andria, and the balance in cash, on the day of

sale. The goods are carefully packed, and sent by

first conveyance. ROBERT BELL,

Commissary.

BY T. M. MCCORMICK, AUCTIONEER.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE.—Pursuant to a decree of the

Circuit Court of the County of Alexandria, ren-

dered on the 25th day of May, 1859, in the case of

C. W. Merriam, plaintiff, vs. Thomas Day, ad-

ministrators of Charles Koonce, et al., defendants, the

undersigned, commissioners in said decree named,

will sell at Auction, on the premises, on Wednes-

day, the 15th day of September, 1859, the fol-

lowing real estate, to wit: all that LOT OF GROUND,

situated on the main highway, between the

BUILDINGS thereon, situated on the

corner of King and Columbus streets, known

as KOONCE'S BLOCK. Also, the vacant LOT,

situated on the main highway, between the

over one hundred feet on King street, and one

hundred and thirty-two feet on Columbus street.

Whether the whole will be sold in one or more

lots, will be announced at the time and place of

sale. Sale to be made on Wednesday, the 15th

day of September, 1859, at 12 o'clock, M., on the

premises, and the residue in six, twelve, and

eighteen months, in equal instalments, to be

secured by deed of trust on the premises, and

bearing interest from day of sale, at the rate of

six per cent. The premises will be shown or the

plat exhibited, by application to the Commissioners.

THE LARGE SHED, on the north end of the

lot will be sold separately for cash.

BY T. M. MCCORMICK, AUCTIONEER.

VALUABLE AUCTION.—By virtue of a deed

of trust, from Wm. Baker and wife, to the under-

signed, as Trustee, I will sell, in front of the

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